the Petroleum India International has provided services during the last three years;

(b) what is the nature of services so provided; and

(c) what was the total earnings made by Petroleum India International because of providing such services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) During the last 3 years Petroleum India International has provided operational assistance, technical back-up, consultancy and specialised services for plant operations, maintenance and modifications work services have been provided to the following companies abroad:

1. Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation—Nigeria.

2. Empresa Nacional Petroleos De Mocambique—Mozambique.

3. MTBE Malaysia SDN. BHD.—Malaysia.

4. Kuwait National Petroleum Company—Kuwait.

The company has earned about Rs. 22.59 crores in Foreign Exchange on this account during the last 3 years.

Report of Marketing of LPG

2960. SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of updating the comprehensive report on marketing of LPG so as to be coterminus with the Eighth Plan Period has been completed;

(b) if so, what are the improvements which have been made over and above the phase V 1990-95 report;

(c) whether the target envisaged in the report will be fulfilled; and

(d) if so, how?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) A revised Report on marketing of LPG covering the period 1992-97 has been prepared. The key areas of improvement include augmentation of LPG tankage capacity at new bottling plants, higher demand satisfaction and better infrastructural facilities.

(c) and (d) Depending on the completion planned LPG recovery projects and materialisation of planned imports, efforts are on to fulfil the targets.

Equity Base on ONGC

2961. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC equity base is estimated at Rs. 343 crores, the details;

(b) whether ONGC's assets have exceeded Rs. 10000 crores, how this is calculated;

(c) whether attempts are being made to expand equity base, if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether it is proposed or decided to disinvest 20 per cent shares of ONGC, if so, what are the modalities of disinvestment; and

(e) whether reserve price for shares are going to be fixed up on the basis of book value of assets or prevailing market price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The assets include Block Capital, Working Capital, Investments etc.

(c) and (d) After conversion of ONGC into a Public Limited Company, 20% of the expanded equity base is proposed to be offered to the public.

(e) No decision on pricing of shares in the new company has been taken.

Setting up Railway Divisions in Ahmedabad

2962. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have earlier decided in principle for setting up Nine Railway Divisions including Ahmedabad;

(b) whether it is also a fact that out of this, all the Divisions have been set up but the Ahmedabad Railway Division is not yet set up;

(c) if financial constraints do not come in the way in setting up Railway Divisions in other